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### **Oil Reserves**

4780. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:  
SHRI R. DHANUSKODI  
ATKITHAN:  
SHRIGOPINATHGAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has found huge oil reserves in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the locations thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to explore Oil from these reserves?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). ONGC has so far established 3767.33 MMT of oil reserves at numerous locations offshore and onshore in the country out of which 1033.10 MMY has been assessed to be recoverable as on 1.1.1991.

In order to increase the rate of exploration from established reserves Government have approved ONGC's projects for the development of Neelam, Mukta and Panna oil field and projects for the additional development of L-II and L-III reservoirs in Bombay High field.

[*Translation*]

### **Water Distributer Development Centres in Bhopal**

4781. SHRI SATYA NARAYANA JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up Watershed Development Centre in Bhopal with the assistance of United Nations' agencies;

(b) if so, the area proposed to be covered by the Centre; and

(c) the time by which the Centre is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) to (c). An umbrella project titled "Watershed Based Sustainable Farming System Development in Rainfed Area of India" which includes a component for establishment of a Management Centre has been initiated for UNDP assistance.

[*English*]

### **Visit by President of Portugal**

4782. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE:  
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Portugal had visited India recently;;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held by him with Indian leaders;

(c) whether any fresh initiative was taken to strengthen further the political, economic and trade relations between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINGH SOLNKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In President Soares meeting with the President, Prime Minister and other Indian leaders, it was agreed to maintain a regular political dialogue, encourage businessmen in both countries to strengthen economic ties through increase in trade, investments and joint ventures in third countries.

During the visit, an agreement was signed between FICCI and the Portuguese Institute of Foreign Trade for Cooperation on business matters.

#### **Regional Passport Office, Madras**

4783. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to augment the staff strength of the Regional Passport Office, Madras;;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to open a second Passport Offices at Madras; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINGH SOLANKI):

(a) and (b). A proposal to augment staff

strength in the passport offices is under consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Cases Registered Under Immoral Traffic Act In Delhi**

4784. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered in Delhi under the Immoral Traffic Act During each of the last three years;

(b) the outcome of investigations made in this regard;

(c) the number of women found guilty in this connection; and

(d) the steps taken for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (a) and (b). The number of cases registered in Delhi and the outcome of their investigation is as under:-

Years	Cases reported	Cases put to Court	Cases ending in		Cases pending		Persons convicted
			Conviction	Acquitted	Trial	Investigation	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1989	117	117	53	1	63	-	219
1990	192	192	86	3	103	-	214
1991	170	163	32	3	128	7	73